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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98,

Applicants hereby call to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-43415, which was published on February 15, 2000, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is mentioned on pages 3 and 4 of the specification of the present application;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-313170, which was published on November 14, 2000, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is mentioned on pages 3 and 4 of the specification of the present application; and

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0053166 to SHINGAI et al., which was published on March 18, 2004.

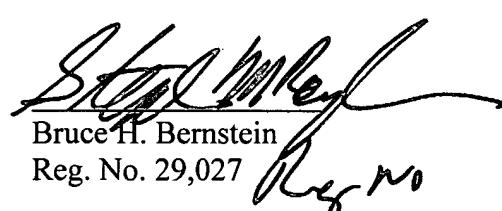
Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), a copy of the U.S. patent application publication is not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and all of the documents have been listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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